

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

- A method and apparatus enables partitioning of data to efficiently store and retrieve data relating to a database system (either a parallel or non-parallel database system). Such partitioning may be performed by receiving information associated with at
- 5 least one characteristic of the data and performing an algorithm to divide the data into related data segments. The data segments may be stored in a distributive database system based on the characteristic associated with the data.